

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1740 - SB 1908

April 11, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes criminal littering a Class B misdemeanor; sets specific punishment, and provides for ***litter enforcement rewards***, to come from the proceeds of the mandatory fines set as punishment. Current law provides that criminal littering is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500 and/or imprisonment of up to 6 months.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Govt. Revenues - Net Impact - Not Significant

Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Impact depends upon the amount that individuals convicted of a first offense are currently charged versus the maximum of \$200 that would be charged under provisions of this bill. Local governments could experience a decrease or an increase in revenues depending upon current practice.

Impact also depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting decreased cost to local governments, since they will not be required to confine persons that they would have been required to confine in the absence of this bill.

Also assumes an increase in local government expenditures for the rewards required under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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